FROM THE FIELD.

Farewell to Brighton.

This world is made up of joy and sorrow, of meeting and parting. Some two years ago I was called to Brighton, Indiana, to hold a few meetings, and through the kindness of our German Baptist brethren we were permitted to hold a few meetings in their house of worship. But as we are in a changeable world, the spiritual atmosphere soon changed and grew somewhat warmer, until hearts were melted with the love of God and confessed Christ as their Saviour.

At this juncture we were informed that we could not have the house longer, but, praise the Lord, while the key to this earthly structure was clanking in the lock of the door that had been dedicated to the service of the most high God, shutting out those who had largely contributed to its erection, there was another door that effectually opened. Wonderful was the opposition, but the result was the organization of a Brethren church of seventeen members at that time. Soon Bro. Kilhefner, of Ohio, came that way and held a glorious meeting, increasing their number somewhat. Full of zeal and courage, they went about building a house of worship which they effectually completed.

We were so situated during the last two years that we could not visit them only every two months. They desired a minister to locate among them, so they could have services more frequent. They succeeded in getting Bro. Samuel Phiels, of Missouri, to locate among them. Bro. Phiels was formerly an Elder in the German Baptist church until his location at Brighton when he cast his lot with the Brethren, and after our farewell address in March he has taken charge of the fold. May the Lord bless Bro. Phiels in his new field of labor.

Our two years of labor with the Brighton church was one of pleasantness and peace. The only thing that threw a cloud over the church was the loss of one of her devoted members, Katie Horner, who last September was called to join the innumerable host on the other side of the river. Through affliction in early life she was left an invalid, but she had the cause at heart and it can be said of her as it was of one of old, 'She has done what she could.' She paid ten dollars toward erecting the house of worship, and requested her mother to pay out of her dower $25 for the support of the church. She donated the Bible which is held in high esteem by the congregation. She remembered the poor and administered to their wants, and before leaving this vale of shadows, plead with her brothers to come to Christ, since which time two of them have complied with her request, and are on their way to meet her. She is missed in the church, in the family, and the social circle. She was much interested about her relatives and friends, and earnestly requested them to hold out faithful. You can frequently hear her associates say, 'I wish I was as good as Katie was.'

Brethren and sisters of the Brighton church, heed her requests and be faithful.

We preached our farewell discourse to a large congregation of earnest listeners. The concluding service was somewhat impressive. The choir singing 'God be with you till we meet again.'

With charity for all and malice toward none. Wishing Heaven's blessing upon all I am as ever your brother in Christ.

WM. W. SUMMERS.

April 4, 1889.

Johnstown, Pa.

A few weeks ago I became acquainted with Bro. Cornelius Miller of Kimball, Dakota through the EVANGELIST, and he desired me to come to Dakota and hold a series of meetings for them, and if I should like the country to settle down with them and become their pastor. I concluded to do so and made arrangements to that effect, and as I always had an anxiety to go west, thought it would be quite a treat for me. Bro. Miller, through his kindness and Christian benevolence even sent me money for expenses, but feel sorry to say that my wife became more seriously ill than usual and desired me not to go as she was not able to accompany me that distance from home (living at that time in Ohio) and so was compelled through her ill health to give up my journey west, and to return Bro. Miller's money for expenses.

A few days ago I met Bro. McFaden in Ashland, O., and while talking over church matters he said that he had passed through Johnstown, Pa., on his journey from Philadelphia to Ashland and that the church of that place needed and desired a pastor and arrangements were made with him and members of Johnstown congregation on his return home for me to become their pastor. So my wife and I left home on Wednesday morning, March 27, en route for Johnstown. We only went to Columbus, O., on that day and remained over night as she was not able to travel all day. On Thursday morning we again boarded the train and came as far as Pittsburg and again stopped until Friday morning when we started for our stopping place arriving at Johnstown depot about 10:30 o'clock, when on the platform we met the smiling face of sister Daniel Crofford, and was soon on the way to her residence.

I find that Johnstown is quite an industrious manufacturing city of about 30,000 inhabitants. The church is in good condition. The members are very much interested in the work of saving souls, and are wide awake to their duty and are willing to do all that lies in their power to help pull the gospel ship along and hope and pray that they will stand by me as their pastor while I am young in the cause and just beginning my ministry in the Brethren church, that we may have an ingathering of many precious souls ere long. We wish the church in general to join in prayer with us that many wayfaring persons of this city may join in with us and go forward pressing onward and upward until they win the prize.

I preached my first sermon Sabbath morning at 10:30 to a good and attentive audience, also Sabbath evening at 7 o'clock. I would just say if there is a Brethren congregation near hear that has no pastor, if I can make arrangements to preach for you during the week or on Sabbath afternoon I would willingly and gladly do so, for I wish to put my whole time to the upbuilding of the church and salvation of souls.

J. B. RITTGERS.

April 3, 1889.

Chanute, Kansas.

We have just closed a series of meetings at the Maple Park school house, situated in Neosho Co. This is the church over which Bro. A. J. Hixson has the oversight. The members are now more zealous for Christ and his cause than ever. I think this partly due to the love and faithful care of Bro. Hixson. Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor.

We began the meeting the 18th of March, and one young man came out on the third night and was baptized on Saturday. Monday following three more came out and two of them were baptized on Tuesday. On Thursday night one young lady came out, the next night her mother came out and united by relation, being a member of the Conservative church. I believe that there is seven other applicants that are ready to be immersed as soon as it can be done—two of them are members of the United Brethren church, but have been convinced that we are standing on the sure foundation and that with us they can keep all of the ordinances. We closed the meeting Sunday night, March 31st, with a good feeling and a deep interest. Some said they knew it to be their duty but could not make up their minds fully. One young lady of noble mien, we could see, was deeply affected and we longed to take her by the hand and lead her to the cross of Christ. We had to close feeling that some were near the kingdom.

I lost my dear wife in California last July, and when I knelt beside her grave I said I would be more faithful to the cause of Christ. Oh how my love goes out in sympathy for the poor and lonely hearts outside of the fold. Oh the great fields that are ripening ready for the harvest. But we need more laborers.

Bro. Joseph Michael, of Echo, held a week's meeting at the Brubaker school house near my own home, with my assistance before I left for Maple Park. The result was two added and more almost persuaded. We want the prayers of the church as we feel weak. May God keep us humble at the foot of the cross.

H. S. ENSLOW.

Baden, Kansas, April 2, 1889.

Warsaw, Indiana.

March 31.—I feel it is a duty to God to inform the brethren of the glorious meeting we have been having at Warsaw, Ind. We had our revival in the union school house, commencing March 4th, and continued two weeks. Bro. J. H. Swihart preached for us. Bro. J. H. Palmer assisted us in prayer and singing. What a glorious privilege it is to meet with God's servants and sing praises to God on high, and to see people come flocking into God's vineyard with a full assurance of a home in heaven. To know this is to love the brethren, and if we say that we have fellowship with God, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not the truth. But if we walk in the light as he is in the light we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanseth us from all sin.

Dear brothers and sisters it is a heaven on earth to feel that the spirit of Christ is leading you in the truth, the word of God.

Oh how precious is the flow,
That makes me white as snow.

How I do love to meet my friends and tell them I have been with Jesus and that my name is written in heaven, and to meet Jesus in heaven is to know that we have had a foretaste of heaven here below. Holy Ghost religion is the power of God unto salvation. My dear friends, belonging to church or having your names written on the church book is not going to take you to heaven. It is to know that you have the spirit of Christ reigning in your hearts and that your names are written in heaven, and the things you once loved (sin) now you reject, and the things you once hated now you do, and that is Jesus and his word the Holy Bible.

I will say that J. H. Palmer, our pastor for the past two years at this place, will be our pastor for another year. He is worthy of his hire, a man approved of God and loved by the brethren of Warsaw. May God bless his work here and elsewhere is my prayer.

MATILDA SHROCK.

Louisville, Ohio.

So near Ashland and yet so far. We arrived here yesterday. Our visit in Carroll Co., Illinois was a pleasant one. The friends, as usual, appeared glad when we came and glad when we went. This is the right spirit, Paul says, 'Rejoice ever more,' and Abraham 'wept for joy after he kissed Sarah,' at least according to our exegesis of human nature. The secret of our success in visiting is not yet patented, hence, would be imprudent on our part, to divulge the secret.

Carroll county, as far as from Lanark to Milledgeville, at least, is essentially a garden spot in the line of moral excellence. In brief one would be safe in the assertion, that this section of country is inhabited by a class of people whose standard of Christian and moral excellence is at least equal if not paramount, to any within the domain of our knowledge in this land of Bibles, schools and religious liberty. Too much can not be said of a community where the spiritual nature predominates.

We expect to remain in this vicinity about two weeks, then repair to Monrovia, Maryland, from which point we will visit Washigton and Baltimore.

Our friends of the *Messenger* will excuse us if the *Messenger* fails to give an account of our sojourn. We promised our friends at home and on our journey to keep them posted, on our welfare and such incidents as may arise by the way, but as the *Messenger*, for some reason, best know to themselves, has failed to publish our initial report from Waterloo, we shall likewise fail to bother the *Messenger* any further. We are sorry on the part of our friends—readers of the *Messenger* and not on our own account.

D. A. LICHTY.

April 4th, 1889.

OUR CHURCH.

Maggie Crag, of Virden, Ill., sends $1.00 for the University.

The brethren at Dayton seem to be enjoying a constant revival.

We have received from Bro. P. J. Rowe, $1.00 for the College.

Bro. A. Grisso, of Sidney, Ind., is taking great interest in the University.

We would like to see a grand collection for the Ohio Home Mission.

Brethren will not forget that we will publish no S. S. supplies till next year.

Bro. T. J. Fahrney writes that one was recently baptized at College of St. James church, Maryland.

We are rejoiced to know of another Brethren church in Indiana. The Lord is blessing Bro. Swihart's labors greatly this winter.

Bro. Hostettler has an inspiring article in this issue. We are rejoiced to learn he is earnestly working for the Lord, and glad to note his success.

Now that many are busy with spring work, let not all the time be thus taken up, and send in a brief account of the work that is being done in the church.

We notice Bro. Ira Slotter who learned printing in the EVANGELIST office is now proprietor of an office of his own and is doing some nice work.

Dayton, Ohio, April 7.—To an invitation given today, five precious souls came out upon the Lord's side. God is love. To him be all the glory.—S. KIEHL.

Bro. Kiehl speaks of the meeting to be held in Dayton by Bro. Bashor. We have a fund to help the brethren, and if you have something to give send it in.

Bro. J. Kaub, of Kansas will accept our thanks and the thanks of the sister in Kansas who was unable to subscribe for the paper, for a donation for sending the paper.

Bro. Warner, one of our most worthy and promising young men at the College, was called home by a telegram last Saturday. We have learned no particulars to this date.

The Brethren at Maitland, Pa., organized a Sabbath School on March 24th. Brother Daniel Carsteter was elected Superintendent; Anna Edmiston, Secretary; and John McMullen, Treasurer.

Sister Laura Slotter has made the last payment upon her note of $100 for the College, graciously given without being solicited. A sister more true and more generous toward the church can not be found anywhere.

Dayton, Ohio, April 1.—To an invitation given yesterday afternoon two young men came out upon the Lord's side. There are more to follow. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation. Let us praise the name of the Lord for his goodness. We expect Bro. Bashor in a few weeks. —S. KIEHL.

By a slip of memory we failed to say last week that Bro. J. M. Tombaugh, President of the University, baptized sister Lena Fisher, who is now attending school. She is one of the favorits among the students, and she is gladly welcomed into the rank of Christian workers. We send joyous greeting to her parents at Mexico, Ind., and the Lord joins in with salutation, the lost is found.

Our week's meeting commenced at the College last Lord's day. The pastor preached in the morning and Bro. I. D. Bowman in the evening. A very good audience greeted him. We expect to be spiritually strengthened by these meetings, and on Saturday

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